

The hydrology of the Coolagh River catchment and its caves, Co. Clare, Ireland

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Abstract:

This paper is based on three main ideas. First that the Coolagh River Valley was formed by ice action during the last glaciation. Second that during the retreat stages of the ice caves were developed and swallet retreat took place. Third that its form differs from that of the Aille, which was cut in the Clare Shales, because the Coolagh River valley was cut very largely in the underlying Carboniferous Limestone and not in the shales.